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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

In response to a final Office Action dated October 30, 2000, response to which is due by April 30, 2001 with a three-month extension, and in light of the enclosed Petition for Three-Month Extension and fee therefor of \$445, kindly consider the following remarks.

REMARKS

Claims 1-48 were originally presented in the subject application. No claims have herein been amended, canceled or added. Therefore, claims 1-48 remain in this case.

The addition of new matter has been scrupulously avoided.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the sole ground of rejection.